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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Carl Hopson, who passed away on December 5, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson was born in Bolton, Mississippi on April 13, 1937 to Fred and Pecolia Hopson; he was educated in the ministry at Chicago Baptist Institute in 1965 and graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in 1976; he married Rosetta Ellis in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson received his license to preach from King David Baptist Church in Chicago in 1968; he was ordained in 1969 under the leadership of Rev. T.H. Wade at Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood; he later became the pastor of the Revival Center of Rock of Ages Baptist Church; in 1981, he founded New Horizon Missionary Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson retired from the Proviso Area for Exceptional Children in Maywood; he ministered at the Cook County Jail, evangelized in hospitals and nursing homes, and operated a bread ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson enjoyed singing in the male chorus, bowling, bike riding, and traveling; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson was preceded in death by his siblings,
2 Fred, Jr., Eugene, Anderson, AlJonnie, Carwell, and Etta Lee,
3 and by his son, Carl Benjamin; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Hopson is survived by his wife, Rosetta; his
5 4 daughters, Pecolia, Carmen, Angela, and Crystal; his 3
6 brothers, Clarence W. (Annie), Roy (Cleo), and Emmett (Joyce);
7 his sisters-in-law, Radie Hopson and Helena Hopson; his
8 god-children, Quincy, Brendia, and Alauna; his 6
9 grandchildren; his 5 great-grandchildren; and a host of family
10 and dear friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the passing of Rev. Carl Hopson, and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Rev. Hopson as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.